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## **OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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# **GOP Week in Review**

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### **Alliance Review: State Rep. Christina Hagan shows support for emergency personnel**

“I am honored to discuss legislative matters impacting our community leaders and safety services, and to work toward solutions with the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association,” said Hagan. “I’m thankful for the daily sacrifices of all our Ohio firefighters and first responders.”

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"As the representative of a district that is very concerned with the harmful effects of human activity on the environment... I was proud to co-sponsor House Bill 225," Arndt said. "This legislation will help homeowners that discover abandoned orphan wells on their properties to properly address them."

### My Town NEO: Hudson boys cross country team recognized by Roegner, LaRose

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to win a state title," Roegner said. "Our Hudson Boys Cross Country Team won the Division I State Championship through steadfast dedication. With an average 3.99 GPA, they are incredible student athletes and have earned the admiration of the state of Ohio."

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Thanks Libby!

Have a good weekend,

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Hi Joe and Margaret—Below is my draft for the joint column from Reps. Becker and Riedel for the Plain Dealer. I am open to your changes and suggestions... I haven't written on right-to-work too much.

Some of the previous articles on right-to-work in the PD seemed to focus on voters repealing SB 5, so I took the angle that Ohioans would get to vote on the issue if these resolutions are approved. Let me know your thoughts, thanks!

January 19, 2018  
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## Guest Column from State Representatives

### John Becker and Craig Riedel

Right-to-Work Right Choice for Ohio, but Let Voters Decide

Right-to-work has been a highly debated issue in Ohio for many years. At its very core, right-to-work promotes an employee's right to not be required to join a labor union as a condition of employment. In Ohio, employees are not currently required to join unions, but collective bargaining to require "fair share" or agency fees is allowed. Not only does this make Ohio less competitive regarding job and wage growth, especially with neighboring states, but Ohioans are forced to give away their own hard earned money.

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Libby,

Reps. Becker and Riedel would like to proceed with the Cleveland Plain Dealer for our next op-ed. When an op-ed is written to an audience that isn't familiar with either of the Members such as this, do Members typically run similar content or tailor it to that audience?

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Hi Joe,

We can definitely work on a joint editorial. However, we target our editorials to a specific paper, as the bigger papers won't print an op-ed when they've known it's gone to others. Is there another paper besides the Enquirer that you would like to send it to? Also—how do you anticipate this editorial being different from the one already printed?

Let me know. Thanks!

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As a follow up to the Cincinnati Enquirer's running a corrected op-ed by Rep. Becker in yesterday's print edition (published online today):  
<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/opinion/contributors/2018/01/08/time-people-ohio-decide-right-work-law/1003775001/>, Representatives Becker and Riedel would like to do a statewide joint editorial.

Below is material that we think may be helpful in describing the six constitutional amendments (HJR's 7-12) to a statewide audience. Thank you for your help!

Regards,

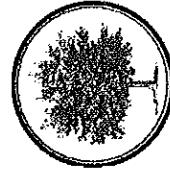
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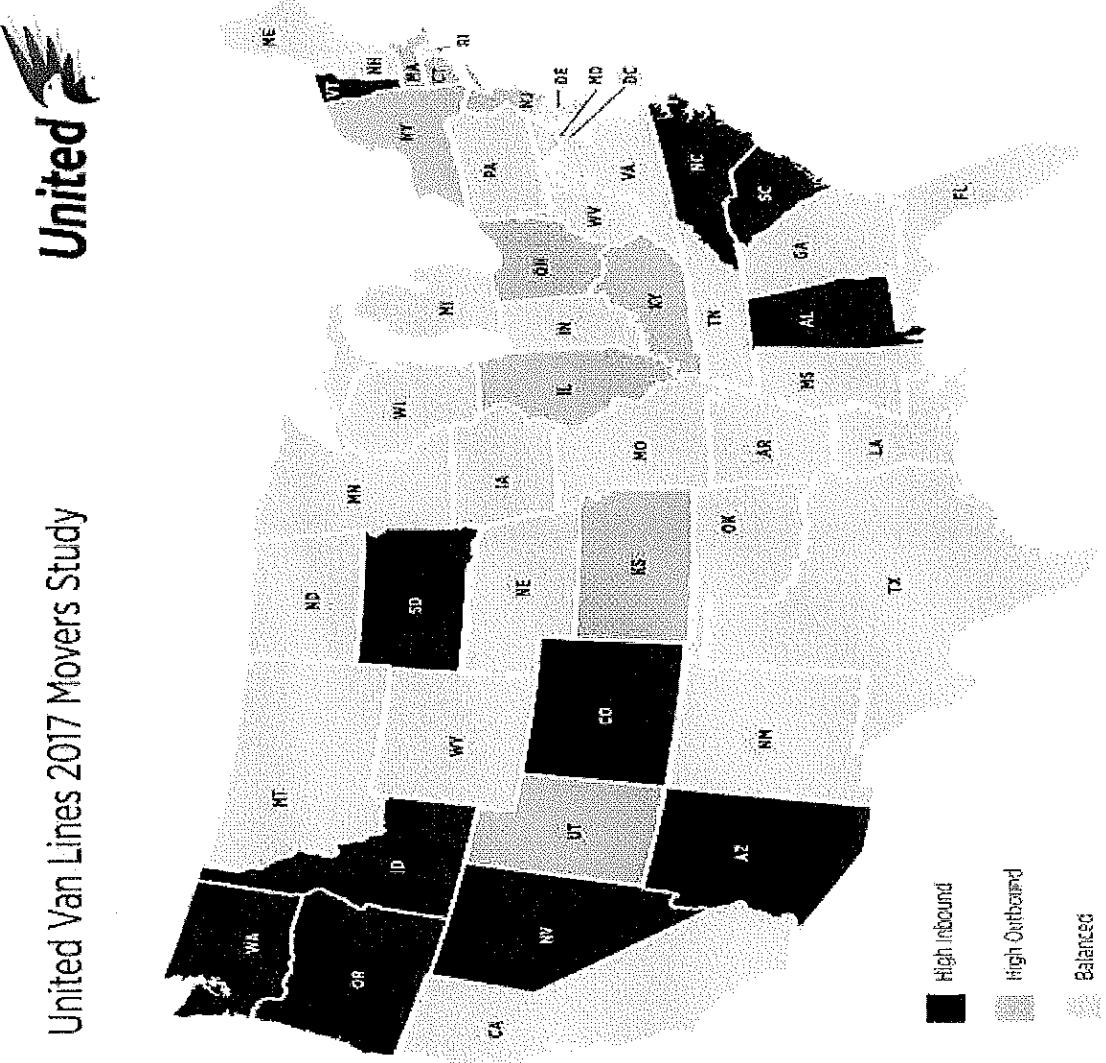
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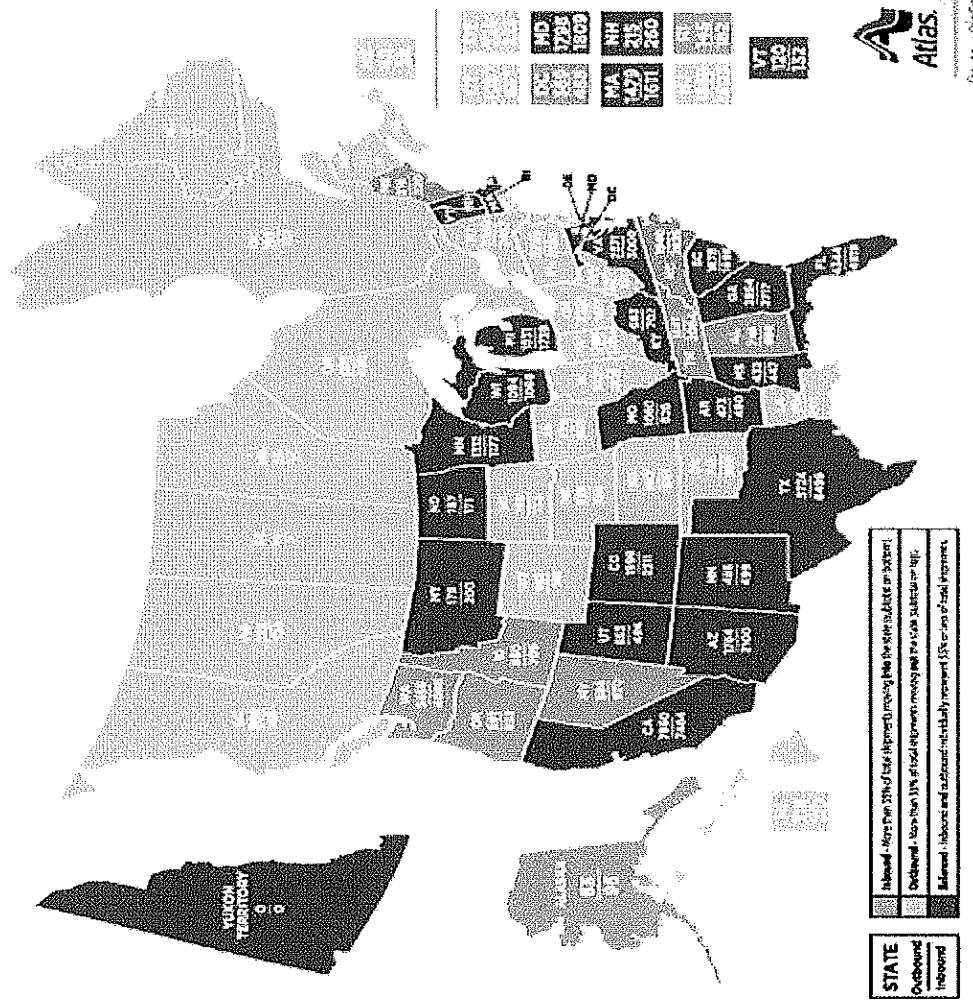
January 8, 2018

According to United Van Lines 2017 National Movers Study, Ohio ranked number 7 nationally for the most out of state moves. And an Atlas report shows that for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year more people are moving out of Ohio than into Ohio.

Ohio is literally moving in the wrong direction!

## United Van Lines 2017 Movers Study





While we have come to expect this reality, it is a trend Ohio should not just accept and illustrates why Ohio needs better policies that will grow the economy and increase jobs.

According to economist and UCLA professor Michael Stoll,

"This year's data reflects longer-term trends of movement to the western and southern states, especially to those where housing costs are relatively lower,

climates are more temperate, and job growth has been at or above the national average, among other factors.”

This should not be surprising. Ohio’s job growth has typically been below the national average in both good and bad times for much of the past half century. While the state has certainly climbed out of the deep job loss pit it fell into during the Great Recession, it still has yet to fully recover.

While Ohio’s policymakers have made commendable efforts to improve the job climate through tax and regulatory reform, there is much work that remains, and there are multiple areas where policymakers should focus their attention in an effort to improve Ohio business climate.

Embracing reforms in each of these areas will create a better environment for job growth.

First, Ohio remains a state without full worker freedom unlike **4 of our 5 neighbors** (Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and West Virginia).

Second, Ohio remains home to one of the most complicated **local government structures** of any state while having the single worst local tax in America -- **the municipal income tax**. These complexities make it difficult for smaller businesses to grow, the kind of growth that leads to more jobs for Ohioans.

Finally, Ohio needs to reduce the ridiculous burden of over the top **occupational licensing** while making a commitment to stop adding additional licenses to new jobs. Our recent report, *Still Forbidden to Succeed: The Negative Effects of Occupational Licensing on Ohio’s Workforce*, highlights the dire impact such licensing has lower-income and minority Ohioans as well as on the ability of workers, in general, to move for new job opportunities.

With reforms in these three key areas, we can grow our economy, increase job creation, and turn the moving vans around and bring people back to Ohio.

*Greg R. Lawson is the research fellow at The Buckeye Institute.*

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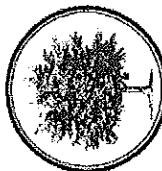
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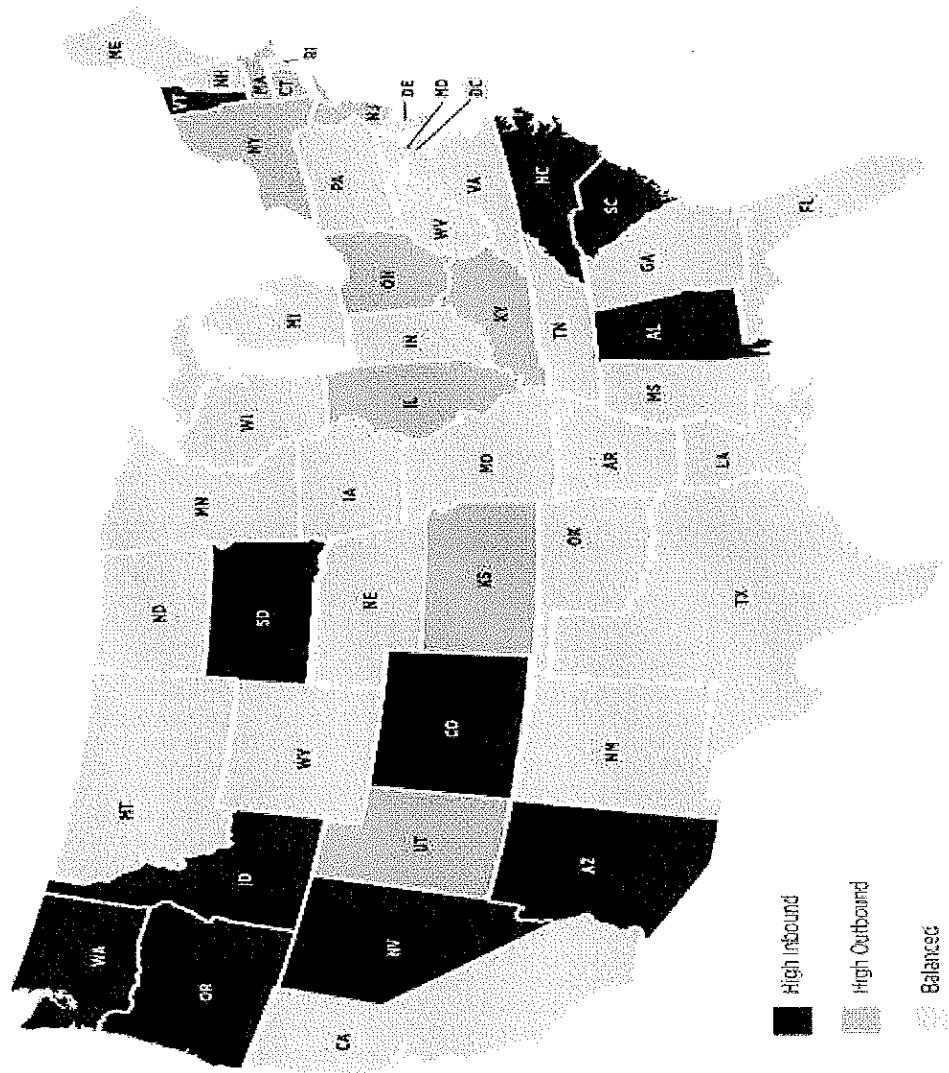
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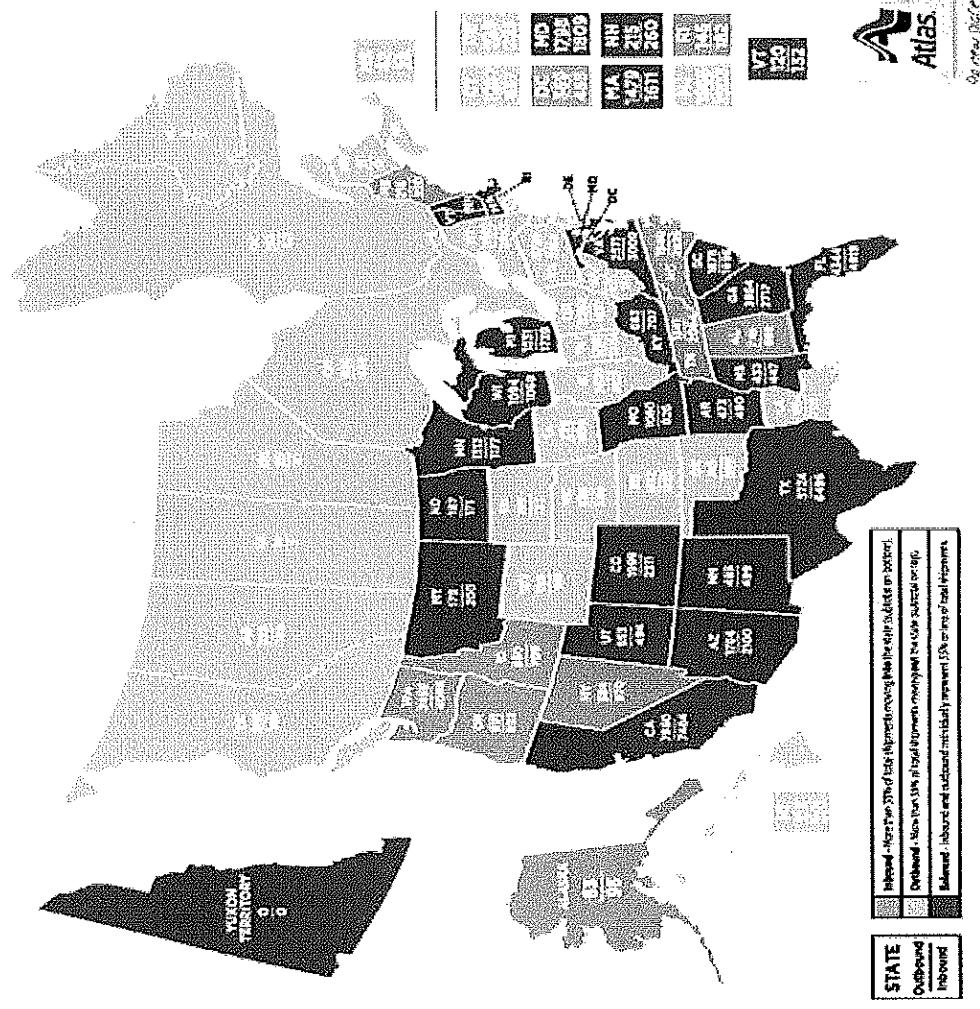
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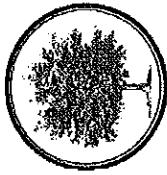
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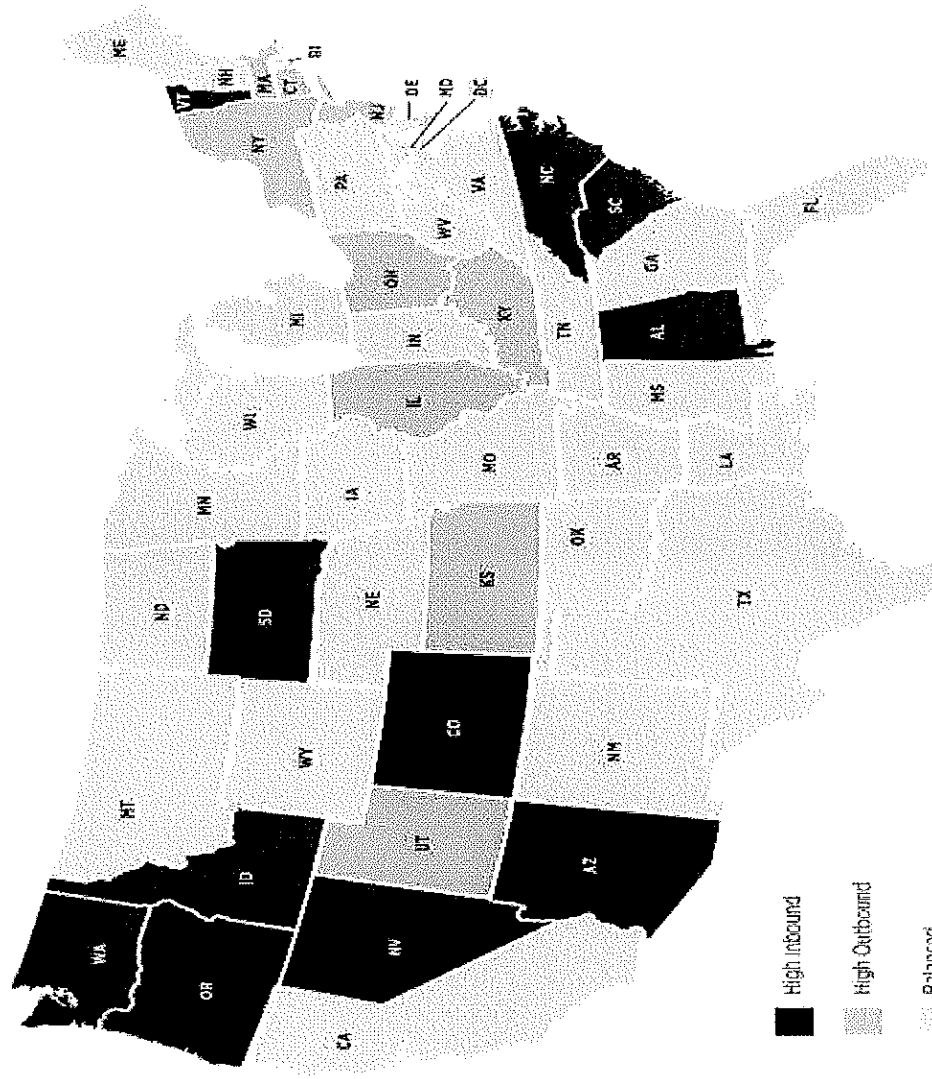
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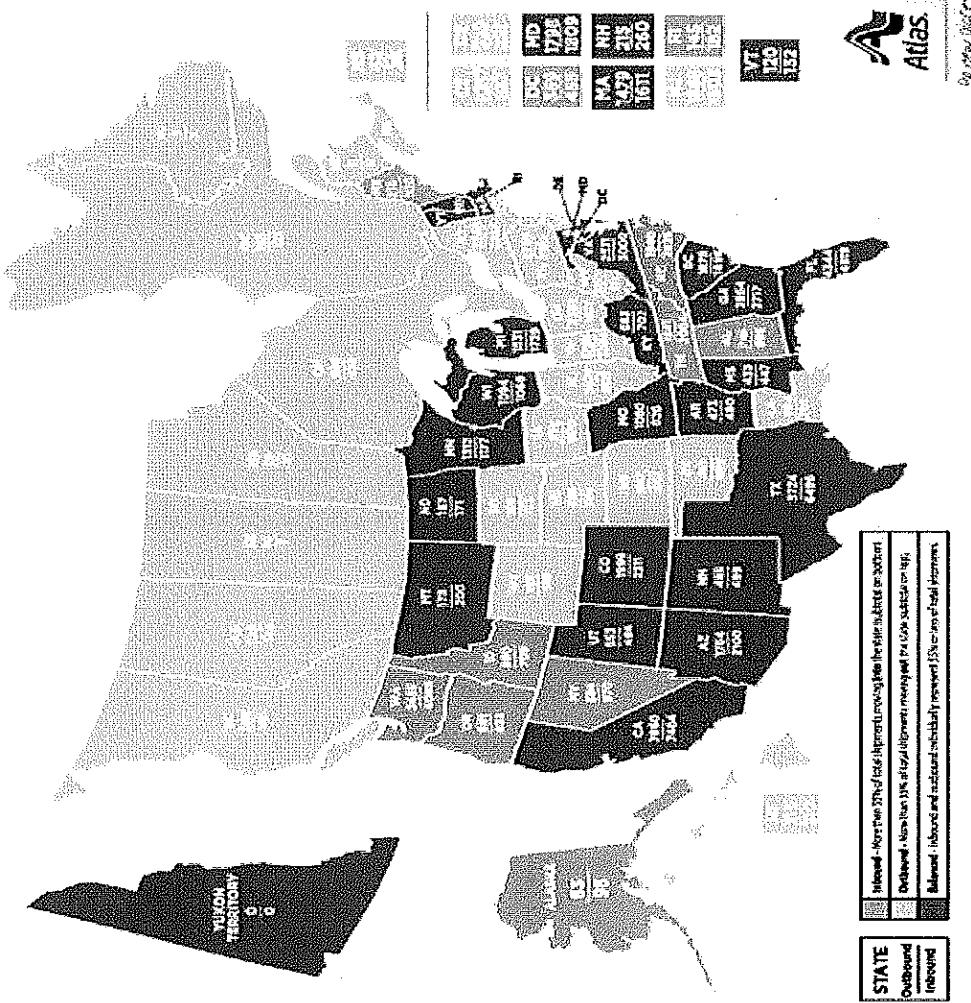
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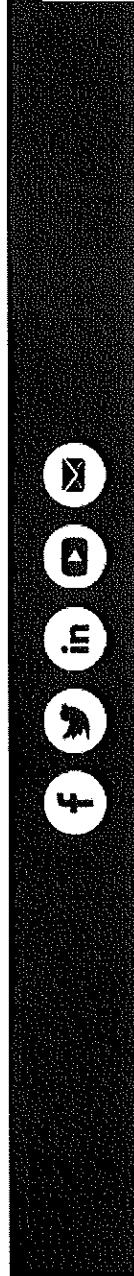
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**Subject:** RE: Becker & Riedel Statewide Joint Editorial

Hi Joe and Margaret—Below is my draft for the joint column from Reps. Becker and Riedel for the Plain Dealer. I am open to your changes and suggestions... I haven't written on right-to-work too much.

Some of the previous articles on right-to-work in the PD seemed to focus on voters repealing SB 5, so I took the angle that Ohioans would get to vote on the issue if these resolutions are approved. Let me know your thoughts, thanks!

January 19, 2018  
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## Guest Column from State Representatives

### John Becker and Craig Riedel

Right-to-Work Right Choice for Ohio, but Let Voters Decide

Right-to-work has been a highly debated issue in Ohio for many years. At its very core, right-to-work promotes an employee's right to not be required to join a labor union as a condition of employment. In Ohio, employees are not currently required to join unions, but collective bargaining to require "fair share" or agency fees is allowed. Not only does this make Ohio less competitive regarding job and wage growth, especially with neighboring states, but Ohioans are forced to give away their own hard earned money.

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Libby,

Reps. Becker and Riedel would like to proceed with the Cleveland Plain Dealer for our next op-ed. When an op-ed is written to an audience that isn't familiar with either of the Members such as this, do Members typically run similar content or tailor it to that audience?

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Hi Joe,

We can definitely work on a joint editorial. However, we target our editorials to a specific paper, as the bigger papers won't print an op-ed when they've known it's gone to others. Is there another paper besides the Enquirer that you would like to send it to? Also—how do you anticipate this editorial being different from the one already printed?

Let me know. Thanks!

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As a follow up to the Cincinnati Enquirer's running a corrected op-ed by Rep. Becker in yesterday's print edition (published online today):  
<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/opinion/contributors/2018/01/08/time-people-ohio-decide-right-work-law/1003775001/>, Representatives Becker and Riedel would like to do a statewide joint editorial.

Below is material that we think may be helpful in describing the six constitutional amendments (HJR's 7-12) to a statewide audience. Thank you for your help!

Regards,

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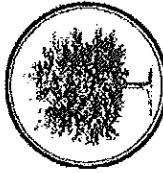
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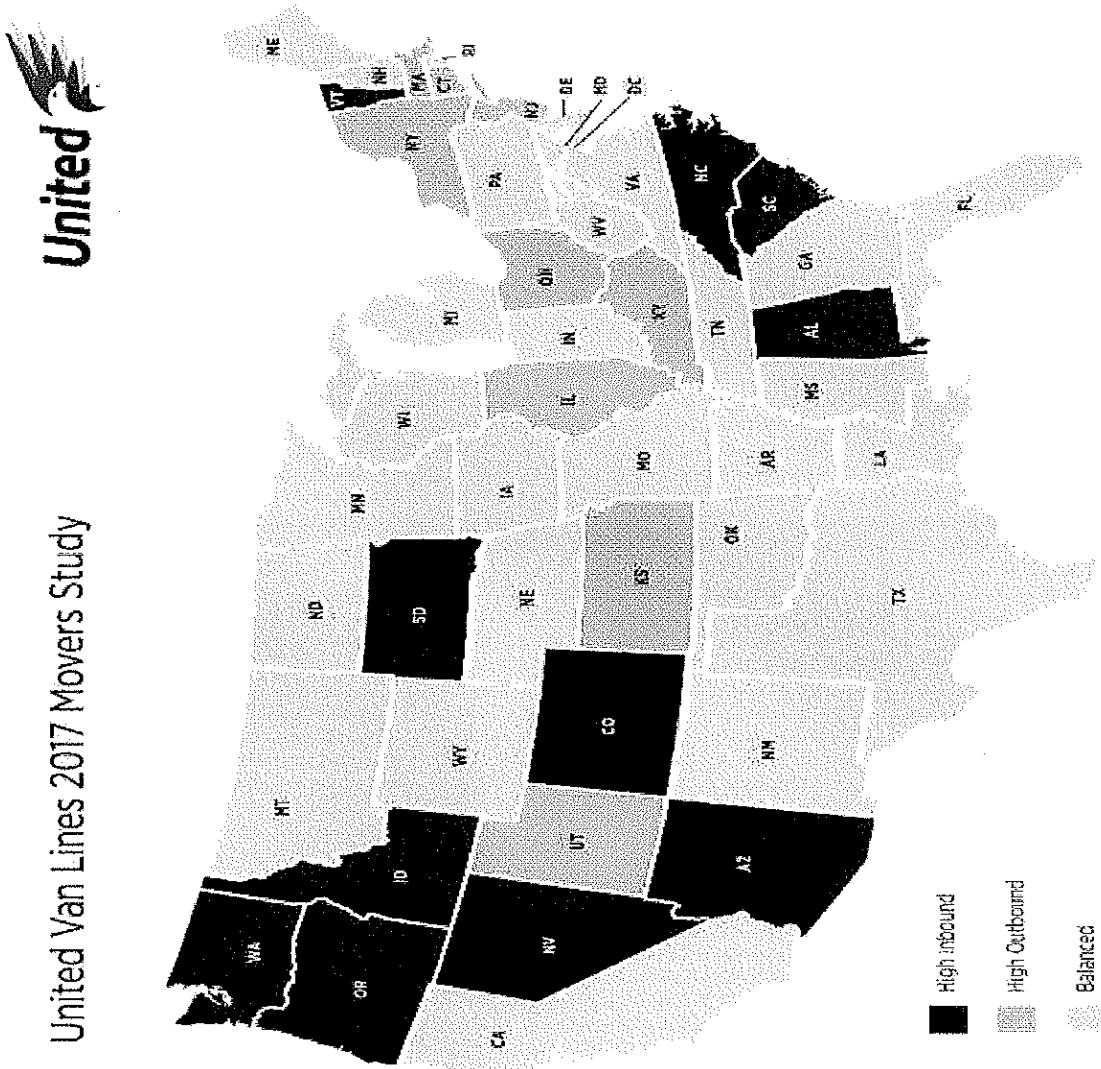
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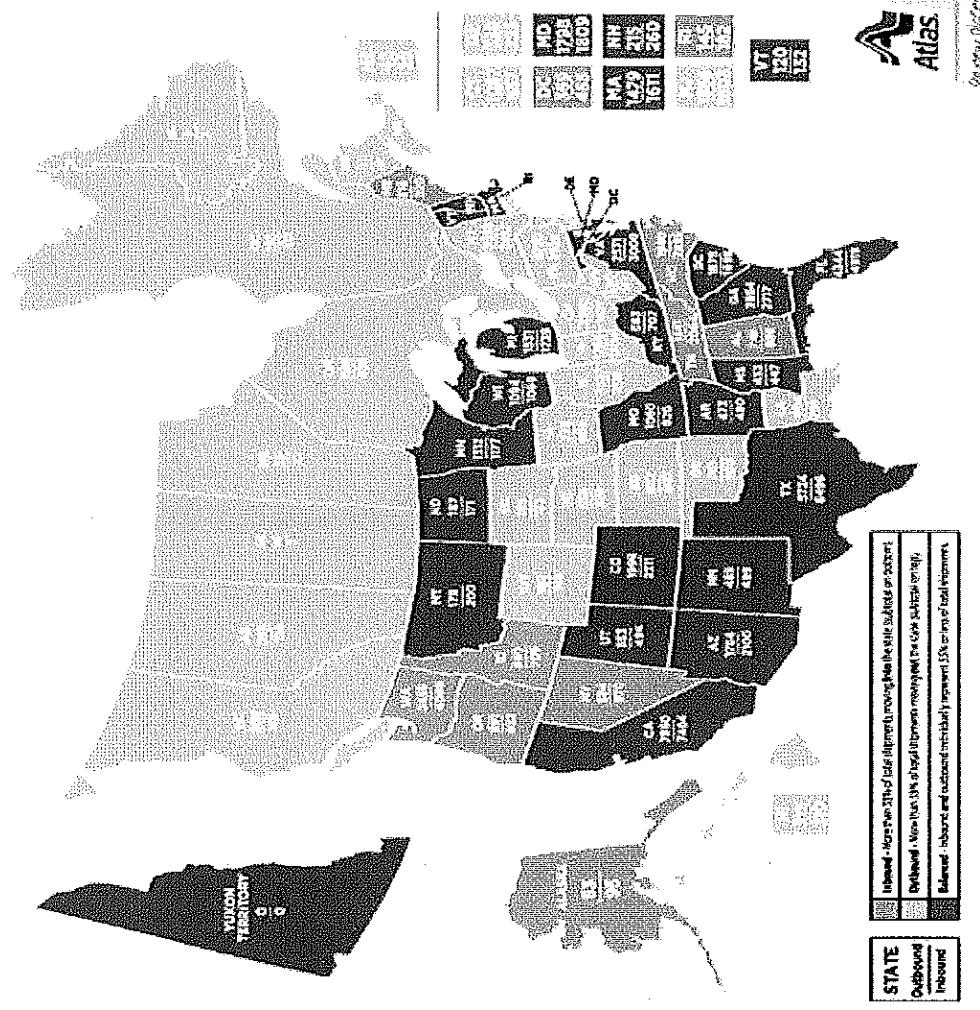
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By Greg R. Lawson  
January 8, 2018

According to United Van Lines 2017 National Movers Study, Ohio ranked number 7 nationally for the most out of state moves. And an Atlas report shows that for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year more people are moving out of Ohio than into Ohio.

Ohio is literally moving in the wrong direction!





While we have come to expect this reality, it is a trend Ohio should not just accept and illustrates why Ohio needs better policies that will grow the economy and increase jobs.

According to economist and UCLA professor Michael Stoll,

"This year's data reflects longer-term trends of movement to the western and southern states, especially to those where housing costs are relatively lower,

climates are more temperate, and job growth has been at or above the national average, among other factors.”

This should not be surprising. Ohio's job growth has typically been below the national average in both good and bad times for much of the past half century. While the state has certainly climbed out of the deep job loss pit it fell into during the Great Recession, it still has yet to fully recover.

While Ohio's policymakers have made commendable efforts to improve the job climate through tax and regulatory reform, there is much work that remains, and there are multiple areas where policymakers should focus their attention in an effort to improve Ohio business climate.

Embracing reforms in each of these areas will create a better environment for job growth.

First, Ohio remains a state without full worker freedom unlike **4 of our 5 neighbors** (Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and West Virginia).

Second, Ohio remains home to one of the most complicated **local government** structures of any state while having the single worst local tax in America -- **the municipal income tax**. These complexities make it difficult for smaller businesses to grow, the kind of growth that leads to more jobs for Ohioans.

Finally, Ohio needs to reduce the ridiculous burden of over the top **occupational licensing** while making a commitment to stop adding additional licenses to new jobs. Our recent report, *Still Forbidden to Succeed: The Negative Effects of Occupational Licensing on Ohio's Workforce*, highlights the dire impact such licensing has lower-income and minority Ohioans as well as on the ability of workers, in general, to move for new job opportunities.

With reforms in these three key areas, we can grow our economy, increase job creation, and turn the moving vans around and bring people back to Ohio.

*Greg R. Lawson is the research fellow at The Buckeye Institute.*

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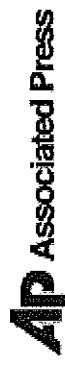
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# HOUSE E-CLIPS 1/24/2018



### STATE MIGHT SEEK \$19M MORE BACK FROM CLOSED CHARTER E-SCHOOL

The giant Ohio online charter school that abruptly closed mid-school-year lost another round of its multifaceted battle with the state over funding but said Tuesday that it's still fighting to reopen, even as many of its 12,000 students are looking for new schools.

### LAWYERS: JURIES, NOT JUDGES, SHOULD IMPOSE DEATH SENTENCES

Ohio's capital punishment law is unconstitutional because judges, not juries, impose death sentences in contrast to the 6th Amendment right to a jury trial, lawyers for a convicted killer argued before the state Supreme Court on Tuesday.

### The Columbus Dispatch

Ohio's Largest Online News Paper

### DEMOCRATS TUSSE OVER ECOT CAMPAIGN MONEY, BUT GOP GOT FAR MORE

As Ohio's big bet on a big online charter school fizzles, candidates are pointing fingers over the \$2.1 million in campaign money the school's operator has doled out during the past two decades.

### COLUMBUS LAWMAKER'S PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE IN OHIO

Lisa Vigil Schattinger wants terminally ill Ohioans to have the option chosen by her stepfather, who said his piece and then made peace with impending death from bone marrow cancer.

### GOP LAWMAKERS, CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE, DEFEND ECOT: STATE SAYS SCHOOL PRIORITIZED PROFIT

Arguing that that Gov. John Kasich and the Ohio Department of Education should have kept ECOT open through the end of the school year, a handful of Republican lawmakers Tuesday defended the school and urged changes to stop a future shutdown in the middle of the school year.

### RIGHT-TO-WORK WOULD HELP OHIO WORKERS, GOP LAWMAKERS SAY

A pair of Republican lawmakers said their proposal to put six right-to-work amendments on the 2020 ballot would help Ohio workers.

## LAWMAKERS TAKE BABY STEPS TOWARD REDISTRICTING COMPROMISE

A whiff of progress on congressional redistricting could be permeating the Statehouse.

## O'NEILL TELLS DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO VET HIM AFTER PAYING OFF TAX LIENS

Gubernatorial candidate William M. O'Neill is asking the Ohio Democratic Party to vet him after paying \$4,361 in past-due state income taxes.

## ECOT APPEALS SPONSOR'S DECISION THAT SHUT SCHOOL

Shuttered online giant ECOT is not giving up efforts to keep the school open through the end of the school year.

## EX-TIBERI AIDE TO JOIN DEWINE'S STAFF

Breann Gonzalez, a longtime aide to Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Genoa Township, is joining the staff of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

## EDITORIAL: OHIOANS WANT REAL REDISTRICTING REFORM

Ohio House Republicans' proposed congressional boundary-drawing "reform" is a cynical exercise in damage control.

## **Dayton Daily News**

[www.daytondailynews.com](http://www.daytondailynews.com)

## MIAMI TWP. TRUSTEE: STATE WAGE LAW 'DISCRIMINATORY,' WASTING MILLIONS

A Miami Twp. trustee is asking the state to pay for the costs of what he called an unfunded mandate that is "most discriminatory" and that he said wastes millions of dollars across Ohio.

## DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL COMING TO OHIO STATEHOUSE

Nearly three decades after Jack "Dr. Death" Kevorkian pushed doctor-assisted suicide into the national spotlight, state Sen. Charieta Tavares says it's time that Ohio legalize the practice with strict safeguards in place.

## ECOT APPEALS IN FIGHT TO STAY OPEN; EMAILS SHOW STATE FIGHT

The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow on Tuesday announced it is appealing the decision of its sponsor, the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West, to close the embattled online school.

## OHIO LOOKING TO CHANGE BAIL SYSTEM, FOCUSING LESS ON MONEY

The ACLU of Ohio says a plan to shift courts away from using cash-bail systems is a good start but doesn't go far enough to fix the broken system.

## 'ON ITS LAST LEGS': WHY ELECTION BOARDS ARE SEEKING NEW VOTING MACHINES

Voting equipment in many Ohio counties, including Butler County, is becoming obsolete as replacement parts are more difficult to obtain and software continues to age.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

## 'RIGHT TO WORK' COULD BE ON THE BALLOT IN OHIO WITH SUPPORT FROM LAWMAKERS

Supporters of "right to work" legislation are taking a different route to enact changes critics say would unnecessarily weaken unions in Ohio.

## SHOULD ECOT FOUNDER PAY MONEY BACK FASTER? STATE AUDITOR DAVE YOST SAYS YES WHILE SCHOOL FLOATS NEW PLAN

ECOT founder William Lager and two companies he owns have paid more than \$5 million back toward the \$80 million enrollment and state aid fight the online charter school is having with the state.

### **OHIO AMONG NORTHERN STATES TO LOSE ANOTHER U.S. HOUSE SEAT AFTER NEXT CENSUS - OUT OF LINE: IMPACT 2017 AND BEYOND**

Ohio is on target to lose another congressional seat after the 2020 census, making it even more important that the state gets it right in deciding how to reform the way its congressional districts are drawn.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

### **IN OHIO, NO ONE WANTS Gov. JOHN KASICH'S ENDORSEMENT - INCLUDING HIS FORMER RUNNING MATE WHO HAS IT**

In the Republican primary for Ohio governor, no one apparently wants Gov. John Kasich's endorsement - including the candidate who has it.

## **THE BLADE**

### **LAWMAKERS ARGUE ECOT CLOSING PREVENTABLE**

The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West board voted Tuesday night to accept a court-supervised master to oversee the winding down of the defunct Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow.

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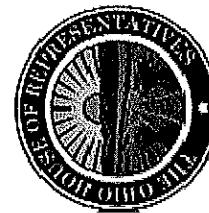
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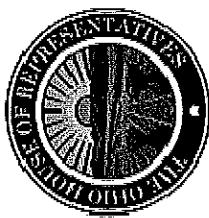
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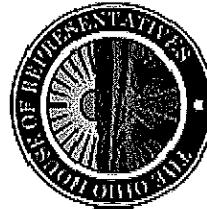
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### **John Becker and Craig Riedel**

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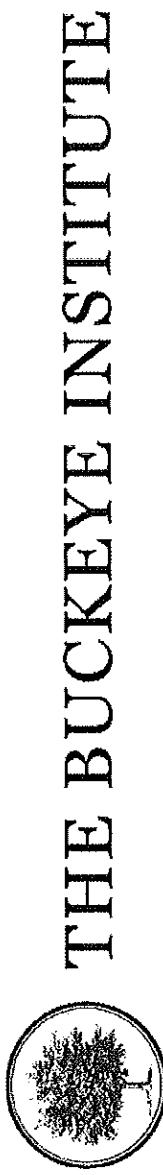
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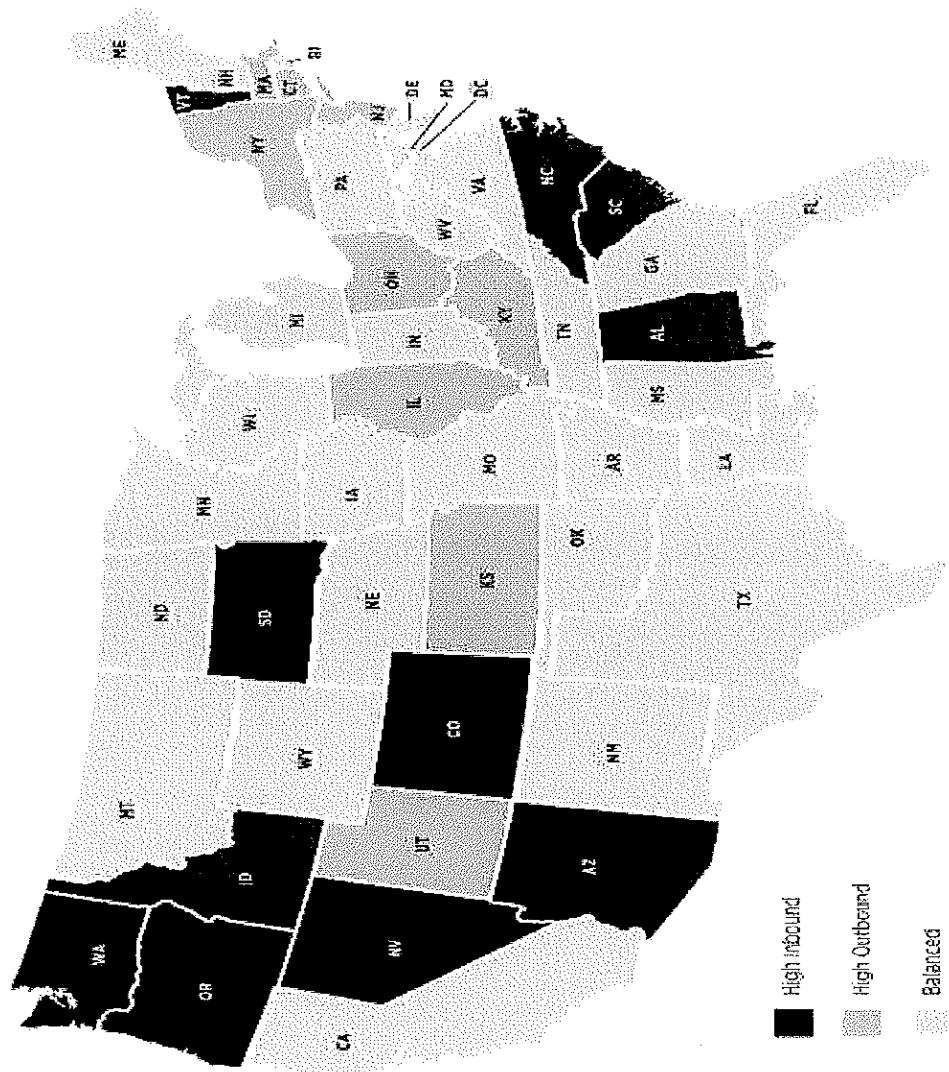
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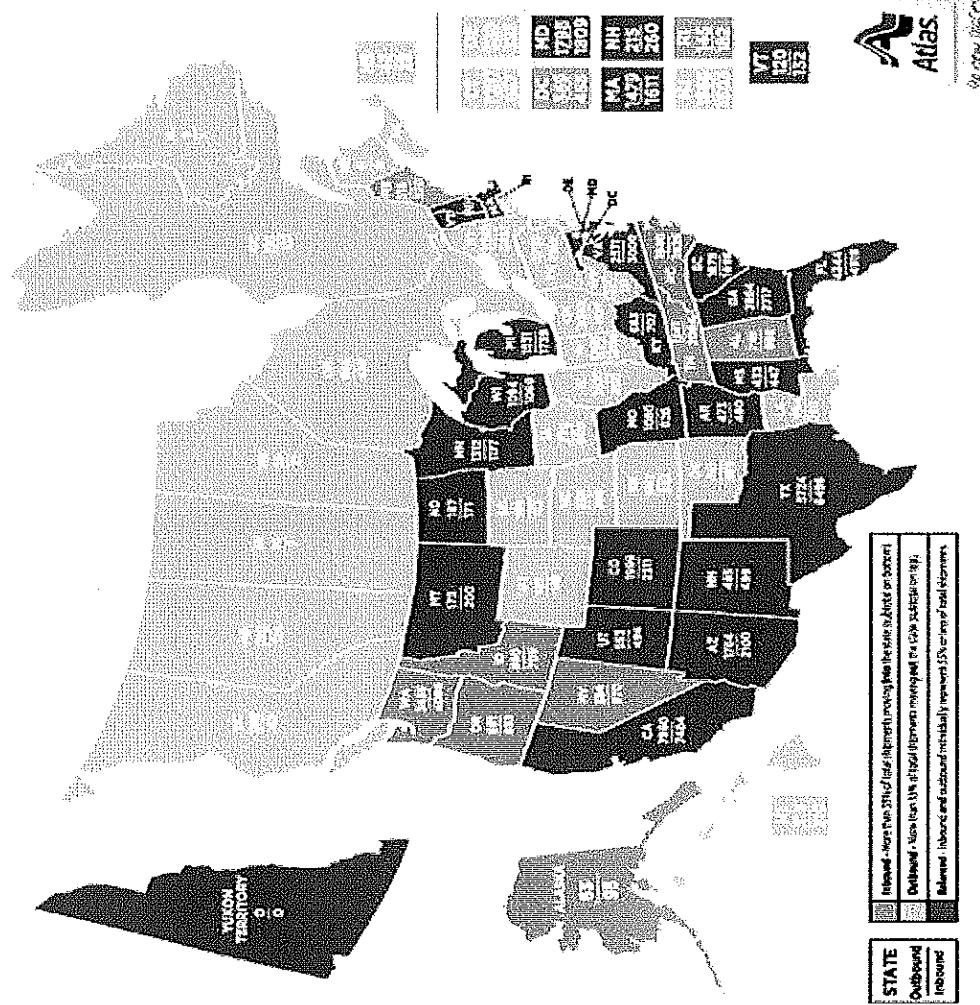
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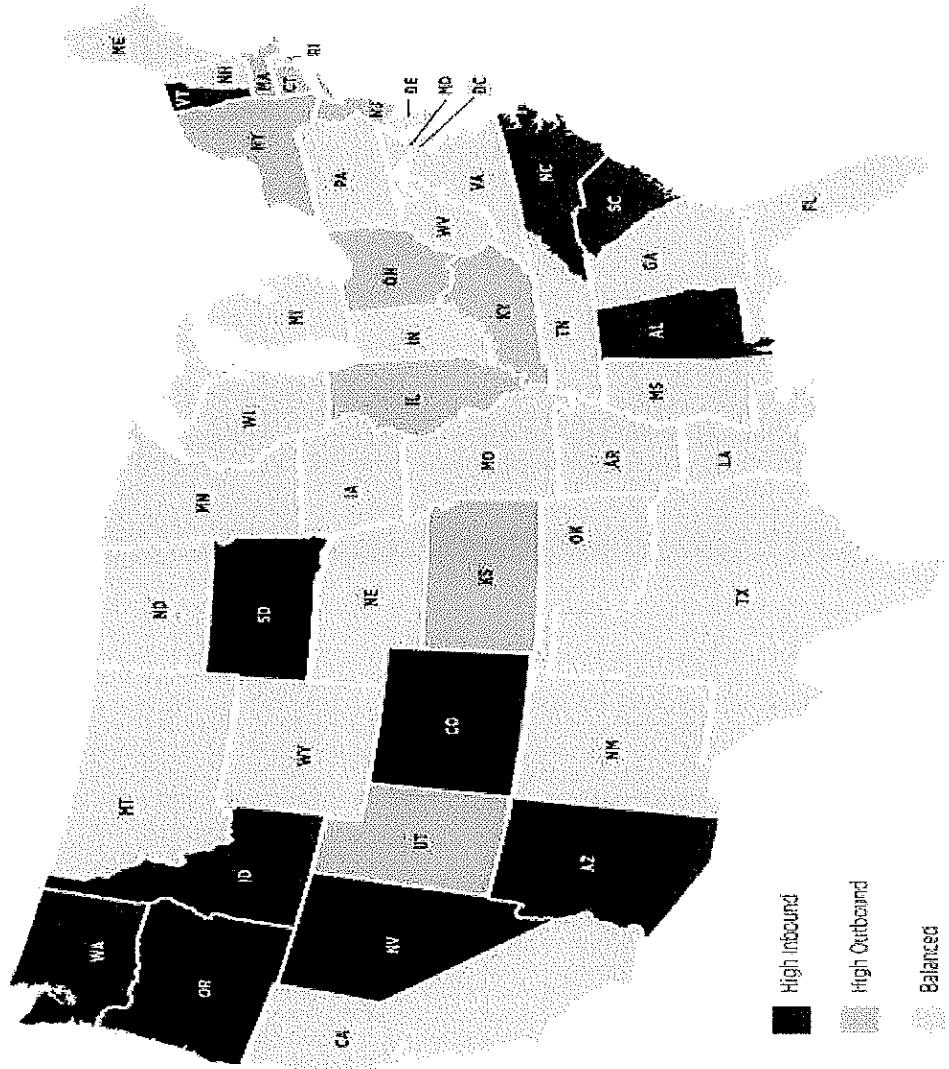
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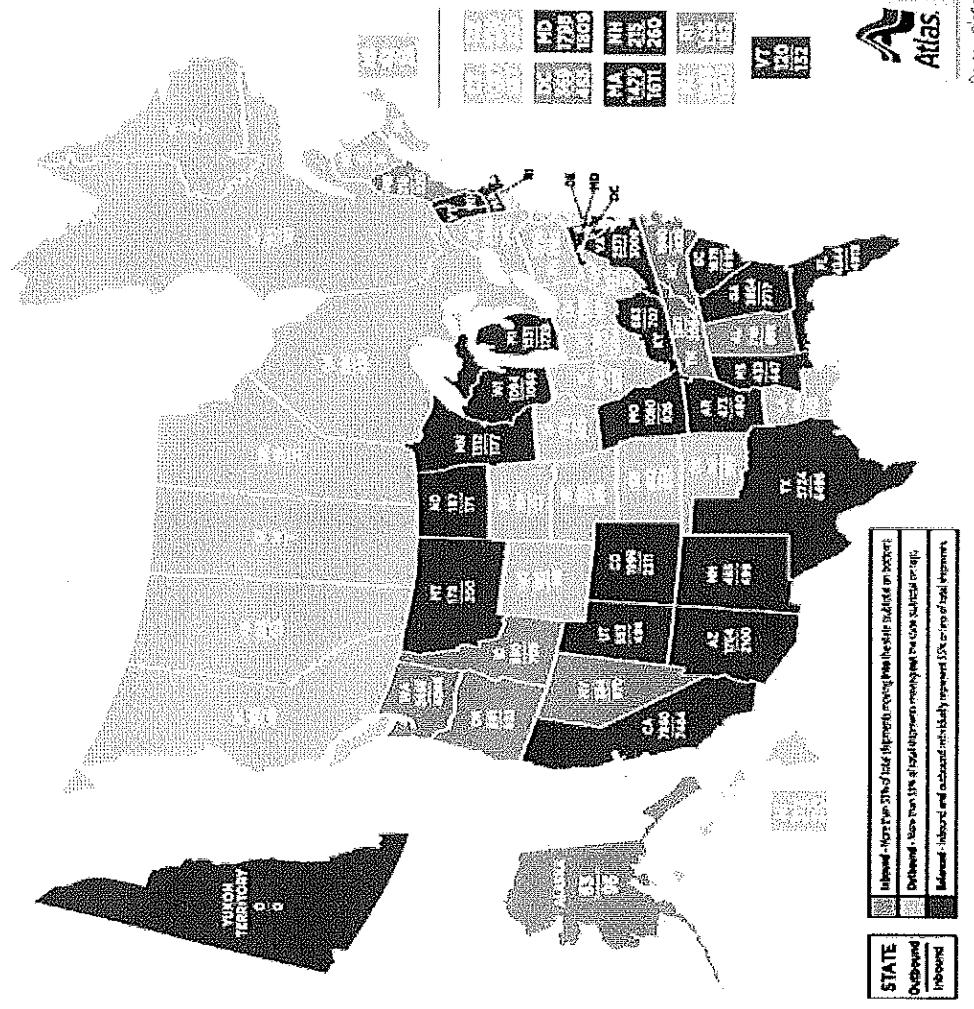
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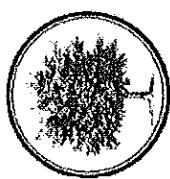
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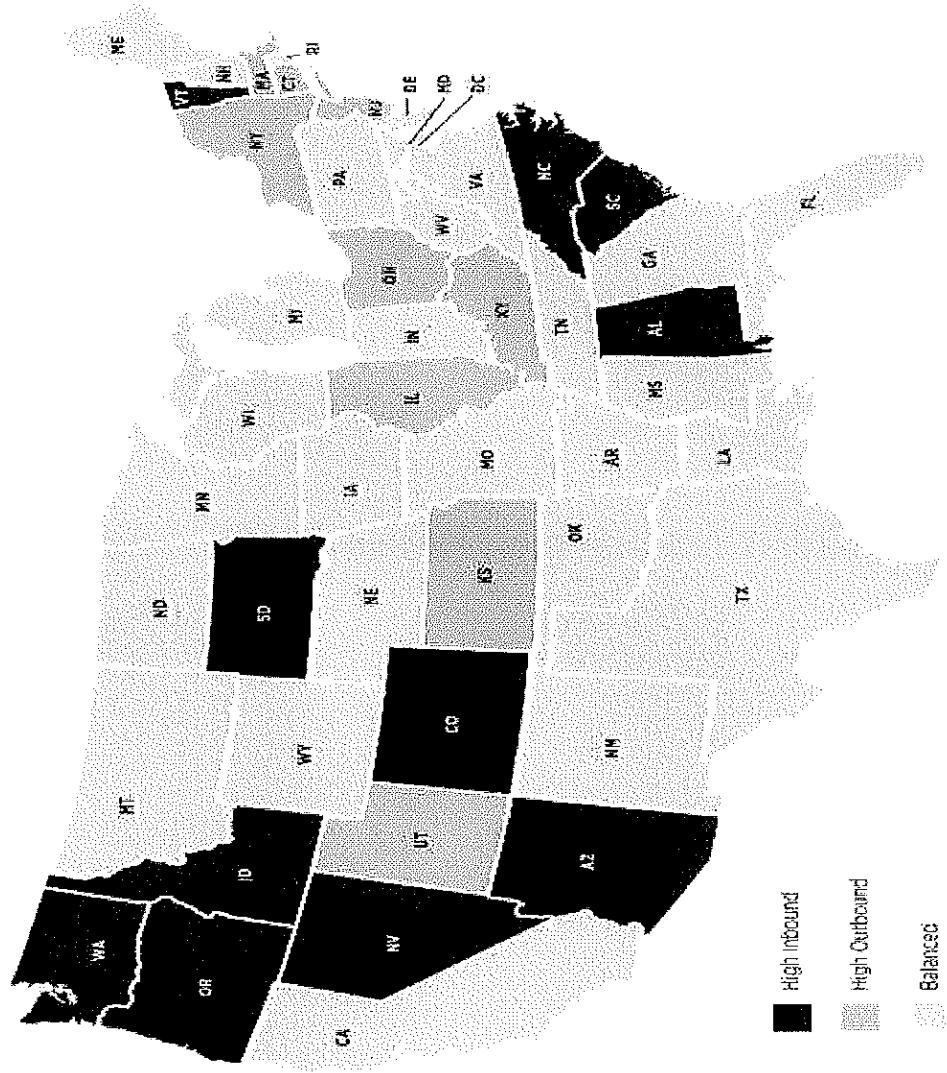
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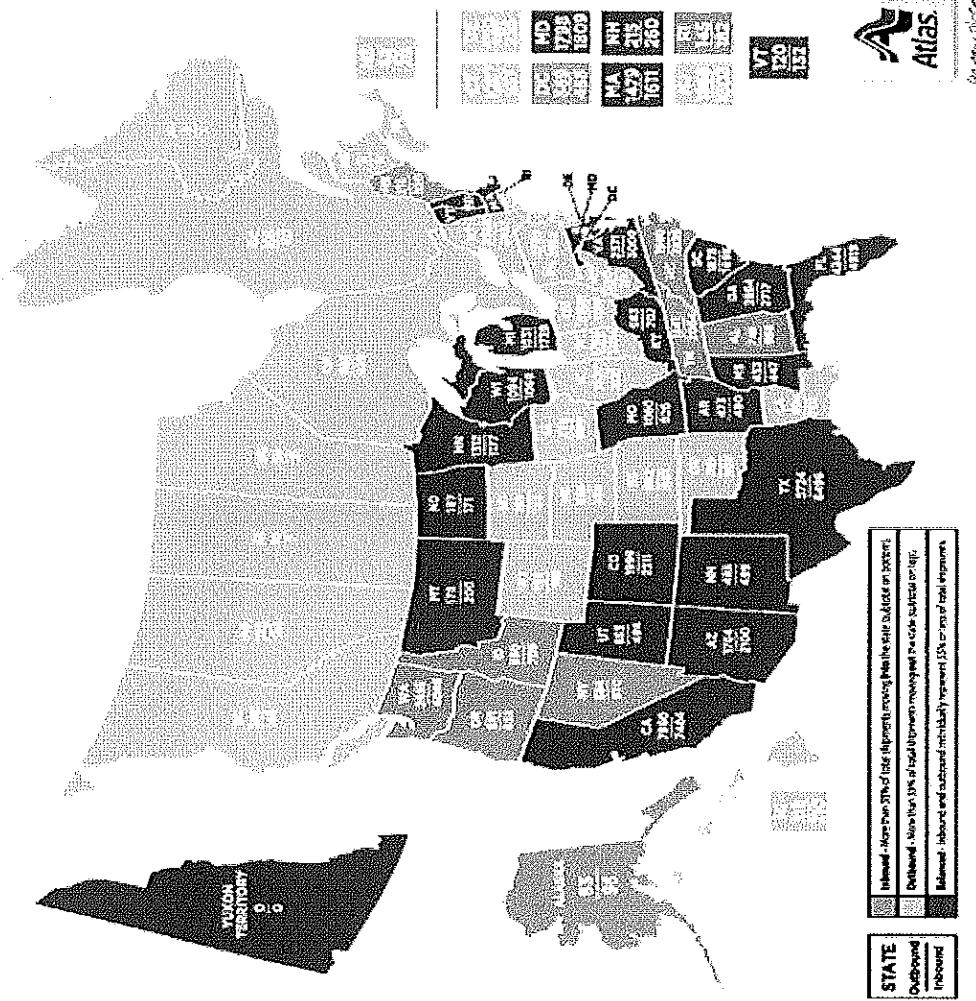
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This should not be surprising. Ohio's job growth has typically been below the national average in both good and bad times for much of the past half century. While the state has certainly climbed out of the deep job loss pit it fell into during the Great Recession, it still has yet to fully recover.

While Ohio's policymakers have made commendable efforts to improve the job climate through tax and regulatory reform, there is much work that remains, and there are multiple areas where policymakers should focus their attention in an effort to improve Ohio business climate.

Embracing reforms in each of these areas will create a better environment for job growth.

First, Ohio remains a state without full worker freedom unlike **4 of our 5 neighbors** (Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and West Virginia).

Second, Ohio remains home to one of the most complicated local **government structures** of any state while having the single worst local tax in America -- **the municipal income tax**. These complexities make it difficult for smaller businesses to grow, the kind of growth that leads to more jobs for Ohioans.

Finally, Ohio needs to reduce the ridiculous burden of over the top **occupational licensing** while making a commitment to stop adding additional licenses to new jobs. Our recent report, *Still Forbidden to Succeed: The Negative Effects of Occupational Licensing on Ohio's Workforce*, highlights the dire impact such licensing has lower-income and minority Ohioans as well as on the ability of workers, in general, to move for new job opportunities.

With reforms in these three key areas, we can grow our economy, increase job creation, and turn the moving vans around and bring people back to Ohio.

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Hi Jacob!

I'll have you work on a column for Rep. Lanese on the opioid epidemic. Attached is a sample column we wrote on the topic. This is the prompt, but feel free to be creative:

*The Ohio Department of Health announced that 2016 saw a 32.8 percent increase in drug overdose deaths as compared to 2015. Clearly, there is more work to be done towards combatting this issue. This column can focus on initiatives done at the state level, but it is also recommended to use this column to discuss and highlight organizations and resources in your district for those in need.*

Here is the news release on the stats for 2016: <https://www.odh.ohio.gov/-/media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/health/injury-prevention/ODH-News-Release---2016-Ohio-Drug-Overdose-Report.pdf?la=en>

I also attached our talking points from the state budget we passed last year, which includes a good section on the work we've done on the issue.

Let me know if you have any questions! Feel free to work on this whenever you have time, and just send to me when you're done.

Thanks so much!

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## **Guest Column from State Representative Dave Greenspan**

### **Local Resources Necessary to Combat Opioid Epidemic**

During my first year in the legislature, I have been closely monitoring the opioid epidemic that has been overtaking our state and country. It's been a complex and comprehensive issue, one that has required cracking down on pill mills and prescription drug laws and increasing prevention efforts. We've made great strides in some areas, but a recent announcement by the Ohio Department of Health reveals that there is much more work to be done.

In 2016, over 4,000 deaths of Ohioans were caused by unintentional drug overdoses, a statistic up 32.8 percent from 2015. Much of this increase was found to be due to the presence of stronger drugs, like fentanyl and carfentanil, demonstrating how the opioid crisis continues to evolve. Fentanyl and related drugs were involved in more than half of these drug overdose deaths, compared to 37.9 percent in 2015.

Fentanyl can be hundreds of times stronger than heroin, and carfentanil is even stronger than that. These drugs are so often mixed with other substances, unknowingly to the user, resulting in tougher addictions and more overdoses. We have to help those who are struggling, putting an end to the addiction cycle and cutting off the demand for heroin and other drugs that keep dealers employed.

Through the HOPES (Heroin, Opioids, Prevention, Education, and Safety) Agenda at the Ohio House, we've worked to establish preventative measures while funneling funds towards the organizations that are on the front lines of this epidemic. For those in the 16<sup>th</sup> House District and the rest of northeastern Ohio, the ADAMHS (Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services) Board of Cuyahoga County is a great resource for the addicted and their loved ones.

Its mission is to improve the wellbeing of our community by eliminating substance abuse and addiction in Cuyahoga County and enhancing support for mental illness, which is so often associated with addiction. More information can be found at [adamhsc.org](http://adamhsc.org) or by calling (216) 241-3400. If you or someone you know is fighting addiction, I encourage you to reach out to the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County or another resource for support. Only through asking and receiving help can we hope to end this crisis and return to a healthy Ohio.



## **Amended Substitute House Bill 49**

### **Ohio House Republican Talking Points**

*A fiscally responsible, balanced budget that  
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